

SUMMARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION¹

Date/Time/Location of Incident:	October 1, 2016 / 7:40 p.m. / 5101 S. Wentworth Ave
Date/Time of COPA Notification:	October 1, 2016 / 11:44 p.m.
Involved Officer #1:	Shawn Bryant; #4140; Employee # [REDACTED]; DOA: Feb. 19. 2013, DOB: [REDACTED], 1980; Male; White
Involved Individual #1:	[REDACTED], Feb. 9, 1971, Male, Black
Case Type:	Extraordinary Occurrence/Attempted Suicide/No Injuries

I. ALLEGATIONS

Officer	Allegation	Finding
Officer Shawn Bryant	1. It is alleged that on or about October 1, 2016, at approximately 1940 hours, while at 5101 S. Wentworth Avenue, you failed to conduct a thorough search of [REDACTED].	Exonerated

II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE²

On October 1, 2016 [REDACTED] was arrested for Home Invasion and Robbery with a Firearm. [REDACTED], along with four other subjects including two juveniles, were arrested by 3rd district officers including Officer Shawn Bryant his partner Officer Shalaine Enahora. All arrestees, including [REDACTED], were transported to Area Central Detective Division³ and held in interview rooms on the second floor, pending interviews with assigned Detective Gerald Cruz. It was reported that upon arriving to Area Central detective, Officer Bryant searched [REDACTED] while in Interview Room #5 where he removed [REDACTED]'s personal property including his wallet,

¹ On September 15, 2017, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) replaced the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) as the civilian oversight agency of the Chicago Police Department. Therefore, this investigation, which began under IPRA, was transferred to COPA on September 15, 2017, and the recommendation(s) set forth herein are the recommendation(s) of COPA.

²COPA conducted a full and complete investigation of this matter, including the interview of all pertinent civilian and officer witnesses, and the collection and review of digital, documentary, and forensic evidence. As part of COPA's ongoing efforts to increase case closure capacity, certain cases opened under IPRA are summarized more succinctly in a Modified Summary Report of Investigation, pursuant to COPA Guideline Modified Summary Report of Investigation Template and Approvals, effective February 13, 2019.

³ 5101 S. Wentworth Avenue, 2nd floor.

shoestrings and two cell phones; these items were placed inside of a property bag. It was reported that Officer Bryant cut as far as he could from the drawstring in the waistband area of ██████'s sweatpants and tossed the cut string into a wastebasket outside of the interview room. ██████ was then left inside of the interview room with audio and video turned on.⁴ ██████ was in the interview room beginning at 3:29 p.m. ██████ was able to reach under the approximate 1" space under the door and retrieve his property bag, including the cell phones and string. ██████ yelled repeatedly that he needed to use the restroom and eventually urinated on the floor. ██████ was heard on the video having a phone conversation and yelling his intention to hang himself.

At approximately 7:42 p.m., Detective Socrates Mabry was in the area of the holding rooms conducting a restroom check when he heard ██████ making noises. As he opened the door to Room #5, he observed ██████ appear to be choking with a string around his neck in what appeared to be an attempt to commit suicide. Detective Mabry called for assistance and Detective Cruz arrived and cut the string off from around ██████'s neck. Subsequently an ambulance was called, and paramedics arrived.⁵ ██████ was taken to St. Bernard's Hospital for evaluation but did not incur serious injury. After ██████ received treatment, he was transported to Area Central lockup, where he was placed in a padded cell with 24-hour watch. Subsequently, ██████ was charged and taken to Cook County jail.

COPA interviewed arresting Officers Bryant⁶ and Enahora⁷ and Detectives Mabry⁸ and Cruz.⁹ These CPD personnel reported their involvement with ██████ in the Detective Division and explained their actions while ██████ was in custody. They also described the layout of the Detective Division, including the location of the interview rooms and the terminals to monitor the video feeds of the rooms. COPA also reviewed the related CPD and CFD reports, medical records and ET photos.

III. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

COPA finds that the allegation that Officer Shawn Bryant failed to conduct a thorough search of ██████ ██████ is Exonerated. The evidence conclusively established that ██████ shoelaces were removed along with the drawstring from his waistband. Therefore, Officer Bryant did conduct an appropriate search.

However, the evidence also established that ██████ was subsequently able to access a string (shoelace or waistband drawstring) along with cellphones from his property bag. With access to this string, ██████ was able to attempt suicide. In addition to his attempted suicide, it was clear from both the ERI video and ██████'s statement that ██████ was effectively

⁴ See Att. 14. The incident was captured on the Electronic Recording Interview (ERI) video that was stationary inside of the holding room in which ██████ was detained. However, the attempted suicide was not seen, but rather heard, due to ██████ covering the video camera with his white shirt.

⁵ This incident was reported under RD #HZ457506.

⁶ Atts. 40, 62.

⁷ Atts. 37, 63.

⁸ Atts. 35, 64.

⁹ Atts. 33, 65.

abandoned inside the interview room in excess of four hours.¹⁰ [REDACTED] was not afforded an opportunity to use the restroom and his repeated yells did not result in a response from CPD personnel, even as he took and received phone calls and threatened suicide. CPD as an entity did not meet its duty of care for [REDACTED] while he was in CPD custody.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT

COPA advises CPD to ensure that there are policies and procedures in place that directly address the care and treatment of all people in CPD custody, regardless of whether those individuals are in lockup, interview rooms or any other type of holding cell. CPD is also advised to ensure that individuals in custody are prevented from accessing their personal property bags from underneath the door as [REDACTED] apparently did. The involved CPD personnel described a situation where the responsibility for monitoring and addressing [REDACTED]'s needs was unclear. Furthermore, the Departmental directives in place during this incident did not clearly delineate these responsibilities.

Approved:

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10-26-2020

Angela Hearts-Glass
Deputy Chief Investigator

Date

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10-26-2020

Andrea Kersten
Chief Investigating Officer

Date

¹⁰ See Att. 66, Bureau of Detectives Special Order 15-1, Effective January 1, 2015 – October 27, 2017; this order included instructions for treatment and documentation of individuals in the custody at Detective Areas but did not establish minimum care and/or observation standards.

Appendix A

Assigned Investigative Staff

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